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Appendix III.

(*Vide* answer to starred question No. 155 on page 62).

(*a*) The answer is in the affirmative.

(*b*) During 1964, there was a shortfall in the production of pulses at the producing States of M.P., Rajasthan, Punjab and Maharashtra. Hence those States were unable to export large quantities of these commodities to this State which is dependent on them for these products. Consequently the price of gram and gramdhall registered nearly cent-per-cent increase for a very short period. With the arrival of new crops, the prices have come down to normal.

(*c*) The concerned States and the Government of India were addressed by this Government to permit the export of these commodities to this State. The Government of India also addressed the concerned State Governments in the matter. The Chief Minister of this State also addressed his counterparts at Rajasthan, Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Punjab to allow a liberal flow of pulses to this State. These Governments accordingly allotted a total quantity of 22,000 tonnes of old gram and gramdhall to this State on Government to Government account. With reference to the Conference on pulses held at New Delhi on 10th May 1965 the producing States have made a further allotment of 70,000 tonnes of gram and gramdhall from the new crops to this State. Arrangements have been made to move the stocks on State Government account. There is now no scarcity of this commodity in this State.

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Appendix IV.

(*Vide* answer to starred question No. 157 on page 66).

(*a*) The left bank canal is in Kerala State and the work was carried out by Kerala Public Works department and as such the particulars desired are not available. The Kanyakumari branch channel is a branch channel of left bank canal of Neyyar Irrigation Project and the work on this channel was executed by Madras Public Works Department. Originally the work was sanctioned for Rs. 41 lakhs in July 1959 and the revised estimate for Rs. 90.3 lakhs was approved by Government in November 1962.

(*b*) The net expenditure incurred on this scheme is Rs. 90,09,748. It is anticipated that a further amount of Rs. 1,42,752 will be required for the completion of the project.

(*c*) *Reasons for the difference betwene the original estimate and revised estimate.*—(i) The canal traverses an undulating terrain comprised of treacherous soils, which caused heavy slips in deep